

Hi,

I am writing regarding my concerns about the merger described in proceeding # 11-65. My main concerns are:

- In the U.S., as it stands there are currently only two major cellular service providers that provide service using the GSM standard (AT&T and T-Mobile). This merger would result in only one major company using the GSM standard in the U.S. This is significant in terms of providing access to technology that can inter-operate with cellular systems around the world (most of the world uses GSM technology). There is no reason to allow a monopoly to occur in the U.S. market to provide cellular service that is compatible with the rest of the world.

- If competition is reduced to only one major company providing GSM cellular technology service, the costs would undoubtedly rise for any customers wishing to use technology & phones that are compatible internationally. (it does not help that AT&T is well known for charging higher voice/data prices to its customers vs its competition)

- AT&T's commitment to free & open access to data (aka net neutrality) is, well, non-existent. As documented in their own "Wireless Is Different" public policy statement, as well as other public releases, AT&T firmly believes in placing restrictions on how much data their users can access, & what types of data can be accessed. AT&T already uses this strategy with their current cellular customers as well as their other properties (e.g. DSL). This merger would be harmful to T-Mobile's current customers who do not suffer under the same restrictions, as well as the industry as a whole.

- Many of the customers currently using T-Mobile's cellular service are customers who left AT&T due to the above reasons (higher costs, more restrictions on data/voice plan usage, customer service issues, etc.). This merger would severely impact those customers wishing to continue using their GSM-compatible equipment. They will find that the only two major GSM cellular service providers in the U.S. were merged into one. What options will they have if they want to continue using their GSM-compatible equipment with another major carrier in the U.S.? None at all if the merger is approved.

- Finally, limiting choice is anti-competitive. It's not like the U.S. has an over-abundance of major cellular providers as it is, cutting that number down by one is the opposite of what the U.S. needs right now.

This merger should not be approved.